

president has to assume the responsibility for providing proper public notice as well. We know that the president doesn't actually physically do that, but does direct staff to see that it is, in fact, done.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Mason?

MR. C. MASON: Mason, Ward 4.

Would the proposer of this accept an amendment to strike the word "city" and substitute "The District of Columbia?" Technically, the city of Washington does not extend north of Florida Avenue and does not cross the Anacostia River.

MS. SIMMONS: Okay, yes. That is editorial; thank you. We're interested in accuracy.

THE CHAIR: Strike the word "city."

Mr. Love?

MR. LOVE: Delegate Baldwin, is it your intention that before any committee could hold public hearings, it would have to get the permission of the delegation as a whole?

MR. BALDWIN: I would think so.

MR. LOVE: We sort of thought the committees would probably be responsible.

MR. BALDWIN: Yes.

MR. LOVE: Why don't you make a motion to that

— effect?

THE CHAIR: You have the floor, Mr. Baldwin.

MR. BALDWIN: I move that Roman numeral 9 be amended as follows: "All proposals to hold public hearings shall be filed with the president and made an agenda item before the convention."

MS. CORN: Could the maker of the motion please speak to the motion and give us his logic?

MR. BALDWIN: I spoke to it earlier, but I'll do it again. I feel that any public hearing, before it's approved or disapproved, should be brought before the convention.

MS. CORN: Why?

MR. BALDWIN: I feel very strongly about that.

MS. CORN: Why should it be brought before the whole delegation?

MR. BALDWIN: Because I don't believe it should be left up to the committee to determine whether or not there's a public hearing.

MS. CORN: Why?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Okay. We have an amendment on the floor that has been made by Mr. Baldwin and seconded by Mr. Love. Now, I see some hands up; Mr. Moore, Mr. Robinson, Ms.

Corn.

MR. T. MOORE: Talmadge Moore from Ward 5.

I am concerned about the set-up that we have in Ward 5 -- the delegates in Ward 5. We had planned on having some hearings with the community, and I want to know if we would be out of order if we continued to hold hearings with the public in Ward 5.

MS. SIMMONS: No. These are not binding upon your delegate body outside of the convention.

MR. T. MOORE: That will be fine with us in Ward 5.

MS. SIMMONS: Yes, you're okay.

THE CHAIR: That's convention business specifically; that's outside.

MR. T. MOORE: Okay.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Corn, and then Mr. Robinson.

MS. CORN: Corn, Ward 3.

I would speak against this motion. We are going to have a total of 90 days, as you all well know. Those 90 days are going to slip by very, very quickly. We do not meet in the day time; sometimes we don't meet both days of the weekend.

For us to spend time of the delegation as a whole to vote on whether or not a specific committee may or may not

— hold public hearings is, to me, a total waste of time. There's no reason that the committee, in its own wisdom, should or should not decide whether or not to hold public hearings on certain issues. I speak against the motion.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Mr. Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: Madam Chairperson, as the maker of the motion, I'll amend it to include "slash, Executive Committee," which means the Executive Committee could act on it as a delegation.

MR. COOPER: "President/Executive Committee?"

MS. SIMMONS: Yes.

THE CHAIR: "President/Executive Committee." Is there a second?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MS. SIMMONS: It doesn't have to go to the convention, necessarily.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Madam Chairman, that was the substitute that I was going to offer, that it be done in concert with the Executive Committee, but delegate Baldwin has taken care of that.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Ms. Street?

MS. STREET: I would offer as an amendment some time

frame, and I would suggest that it should read, "The president shall be responsible for providing proper public notice at least one week before the hearing."

MS. SIMMONS: May I speak to that?

THE CHAIR: Yes.

MS. SIMMONS: We used the word --

THE CHAIR: Wait a minute. She's offering that as an amendment?

MS. SIMMONS: Yes, there's an amendment on the floor.

MS. STREET: I'd like to include a time frame for that public notice, and I would amend it to say at least one week before the public hearing.

MS. SIMMONS: Madam Chair?

THE CHAIR: Now, is there a second to her amendment?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MS. SIMMONS: That's an amendment to the amendment.

THE CHAIR: That's right.

MS. SIMMONS: I just wanted to share for Ms. Street's benefit that we used the words "proper public notice," and we think that that does have a time factor in it. It is not a proper public notice to announce it at

11:00 and have the hearing at 1:00. That's not a proper public notice.

Many times, areas are so specific in terms of the subject matter that the universe of interested parties can be communicated to in a letter or by telephone or by just sending it to a specific organization. To suggest that seven days must lay over before that can occur may, within the 90-day time frame, keep many of the committees from being able to move with dispatch. A week is a very long time when you're thinking of a total of 90 days, which is only 12 weeks.

You may, in one committee, have need for four hearings yourself, based on the varying subject areas to be covered. I find, personally, behind our discussion and deliberation, seven days an inordinately long period of time.

MS. STREET: May I speak in justification for the seven-day notice?

THE CHAIR: Ms. Street.

MS. STREET: Madam Chairperson, I was thinking in terms of a possible mail-out, and considering the length of time it takes for mail to get from one place to another in the city, I thought one week would be a reasonable time frame.

MS. SIMMONS: If your public notice is by mail,

that's probably so. But with a \$150,000 budget, we cannot afford to mail out, and we'll probably have to use electronic media and the press.

THE CHAIR: Garner, and then Ms. Corn had her hand up, and Marcus.

MR. GARNER: I call the question.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Mr. Garner?

MR. GARNER: I call the question.

THE CHAIR: Okay, the question has been called for. All those in favor of cutting off debate, let it be known by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(There was one "nay.")

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Okay, we're back to Ms. Street's amendment to the amendment.

MS. SIMMONS: Right.

THE CHAIR: You just heard the stuff; the president shall give at least one week as the time for hearings.

MS. SIMMONS: For public notice.

THE CHAIR: For public notice. Are you read for the vote? All those in favor, signify by signing aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays.")

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: All those in favor of Ms. Street's amendment to the amendment, please stand.

MS. HARRIS: What are we doing?

THE CHAIR: We are voting on Ms. Street's amendment to Mr. Baldwin's amendment.

MS. SIMMONS: For seven days?

THE CHAIR: That's right. We are voting on the time frame for hearings, which is one week, seven days.

MR. COOPER: I've got 19.

THE CHAIR: You may be seated; that's 19.

All those not in favor, please stand.

MR. COOPER: Twenty.

THE CHAIR: It was 20. Any abstentions?

MR. COOPER: One.

THE CHAIR: The amendment to the amendment lost. We are down to Mr. Baldwin's amendment: "All proposals shall be

filed with the President/Executive Committee and made an agenda item for the convention." That's what's before you. Are you ready for the vote?

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Unanimous; motion carried. The amendment has passed.

Ms. Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Roman numeral 9, "Public Hearings," with the amendments I move for adoption.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Roman numeral 9 is before you. Now, is there any discussion?

MR. BRUNING: I move the previous question.

THE CHAIR: The previous question has been called.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Are you ready for the vote on Roman numeral 9? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Unanimous.

Okay, Ms. Simmons.

MS. SIMMONS: Roman numeral 10, "Power to Incur Expenses," I move, with the editorial addition, this section X for adoption.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Roman numeral 10, "Power to Incur Expenses," is before you. Is there any discussion?

MS. SIMMONS: Following the words, "Executive Committee" is "of the convention," just for clarity.

THE CHAIR: Okay, an editorial change following the words "Executive Committee," and if you have the editorial change page, is that on there?

MS. SIMMONS: Yes, it's on there.

THE CHAIR: Michael Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I have a question of delegate Simmons. What kind of consideration did the committee give to the impact of this particular section on public hearings? If a committee is going to have public hearings, it is going to incur some expenses.

MS. SIMMONS: Right. You see that the president and the Executive Committee must give approval for public hearings, and implicit in approval is the necessary expense for holding them.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I was just thinking that answer through, and we might get ourselves into some trouble by not giving committees in that approval process either a specific amount of money that they can spend in holding a public hearing, or if the convention is just willing to allow that money to be spent, regardless of how much that is.

You know, I'm certainly willing to trust any committee to spend what they need. I don't expect a committee to go flying off to Tahiti to hold public hearings.

THE CHAIR: Don't you have an approval process?

MS. SIMMONS: Well, not only do we have an approval process, but something else. It says the public hearing must

be here in the seat of the convention or it must be authorized to hold it someplace else. So, we know then that we're not talking about rental. I think that when a committee requests a hearing, I would hope that we understand that committees will have expenses above and beyond hearings.

Down here in 11, just by way of example, we're talking about tape recordings of committee meetings. That is some expense, and whether that's handled and how -- all I'm saying is we did think it through, delegate Marcus, and we believe that we're provided for all of the safeguards for safeguarding the public's money and not permitting frivolous behavior.

MR. MARCUS: Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Mason?

MS. H. MASON: Hilda Mason, at-large.

Mr. Marcus, speaking to you through the Chair, you serve on the budget phase of the committees, and we are continuing to deal with the Mayor's office in regard to services-in-kind. We're hoping that mailing and all of that will be covered by the District Government. Mr. Marcus, they will be meeting with us on Thursday to try to consummate this whole budget concept. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Talmadge Moore.

MR. MOORE: Talmadge Moore, Ward 5.

I was wondering whether this section that refers to section 1.2 with reference to the duties and functions of the president, because there are some expenditures being approved by the Executive Committee.

MS. SIMMONS: Well, this is compatible with that; it's in harmony.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Corn, and then Reverend Coates.

MR. CORN: I have one question first I'd like to ask the Chair. The Executive Committee, I believe, is eight or nine people. A quorum, therefore, would probably be five. I'm taking this as a most ridiculous case because I've seen it happen in other committees and other organizations.

The majority of three of five decide to send their three best friends to Philadelphia for a weekend of inspiration by looking at the Liberty Bell, at the expense of this convention. I'd like to know how that is safeguarded against in this provision.

MS. SIMMONS: Because it must be approved by the Executive Committee of the convention.

MS. CORN: A majority of the Executive Committee. I just told you how you'd have a majority of the Executive Committee's quorum.

MS. SIMMONS: Your indication of such a high trust level, I find --

(Laughter.)

MS. CORN: You know what this coin says, "In God We Trust." That's where I put my trust, and nowhere else.

THE CHAIR: It has to pass the committee by a majority vote.

MS. CORN: Well, I just explained where there could be a majority of the Executive Committee approving of something that could indeed smack from a possible fraud. I want to know how this protects against that.

MS. SIMMONS: Well, one of the things, delegate Corn -- and I'm not trying to be facetious, but clearly the purpose for the expenditure has to be stated, and I think it would be highly unlikely that someone would submit a request for travel and expenses and have it approved by this body.

MS. CORN: I hereby move that no travel outside of the District of Columbia shall be authorized to be paid for by this convention or its Executive Committee.

MS. SIMMONS: I think that's --

THE CHAIR: Please, Ms. Simmons.

You're offering that as an amendment to that section?

MS. CORN: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Do I have a second to her amendment?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Do I hear a second? Do I hear a second?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Hearing none, it has lost for the lack of a second.

Mr. Coates had his hand up.

MR. COATES: Thank you. My question is who determines when the "or" takes place.

MS. SIMMONS: When the what takes places?

MR. COATES: When the "or" takes place.

MS. SIMMONS: "Or convention?"

MR. COATES: Yes. It seems to me that the Executive Committee would never say "or the convention." It would always be "or themselves."

MS. SIMMONS: Yes.

MR. COATES: The other question is, in the event of fiscal irresponsibility by the Executive Committee, is such does incur, am I liable?

MS. SIMMONS: That's a valid question.

THE CHAIR: Do you mean are the delegates liable?

MR. COATES: That's correct.

MS. SIMMONS: You aren't a member of the board of directors. This is not an incorporation. You aren't liable if someone steals on the City Council and you're a fellow Council member.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Coates has asked a very viable question here.

MR. LAWSON: I think, as a general proposition, you are not going to find liability for the acts of others. It normally requires some complicity, even if it's only negligent oversight. But it would seem to me very difficult to construct facts under normal, personal irresponsibility by a member of a body holding the public trust by virtue of their acts alone implicating and thus rendering liable all of the balance of the members of that body, elected, appointed, or otherwise. It's not impossible, but it's very unlikely. It would clearly require facts of complicity; you'd have to get in there somewhere.

THE CHAIR: Okay.

MS. CORN: I ask the same question. What if he were a member of the Executive Committee and voted against the majority, and then it was the decision of the Executive Board, which was promulgated because the majority had voted for it?

MR. LAWSON: I would suspect that would largely turn on the fact that you disapproved on the one hand, but if it was found that you had a duty to speak up, beyond merely voting against, but you had a further duty to speak up because of your knowledge of certain facts -- it's just not something that has a very well-documented history.

I mean, it has only been in the last few years that public officials were even subject to scrutiny, except in the most extreme of cases, to say nothing of implicating the whole body. It just doesn't happen.

THE CHAIR: Does that answer your question?

MR. COATES: Yes, it did. Having heard the answer to my question, I move to strike from item X the phrase "the Executive Committee or." My rationale is that we have previously said that no committee is empowered to vote a hearing unless approved by the convention.

THE CHAIR: So, you want to take that "Executive Committee or" out, and expenses are approved by the convention?

MR. COATES: That's correct.

THE CHAIR: You've got to strike out more than just "Executive Committee or," because you have two "approves" and you don't need but one.

MS. SIMMONS: Do you want "approved by the convention?"

MS. CORN: A majority of the convention.

MS. SIMMONS: "Majority" is implicit. You want to strike out "approved by the Executive Committee," after the word "is."

MR. COATES: The motion to amend is to strike "is approved by the Executive Committee or," so that the article, amended, would read, "No committee shall incur the expenses chargeable to the convention unless such expense is approved by the convention."

MS. CORN: A majority of the convention.

THE CHAIR: No. He's saying by the convention. To get approval, you have to have a majority.

MR. COATES: That's another matter.

THE CHAIR: Wait just a second. Did I hear a second to his amendment?

MS. SIMMONS: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Now, Mr. Long, Mr. Love, Dr. Kameny.

MR. LONG: First, a question. The editorial change in the last line, "majority of" -- is that still part of the --

MS. SIMMONS: Yes.

MR. LONG: It is?

MS. SIMMONS: This document is the accompanying document.

MR. LONG: So, I guess I have to speak against the amendment. What this does is it requires the convention to handle the fiscal affairs of the convention, probably on a daily basis. Normally, what happens in a large body is that that body approves a budget and then delegates the responsibility for approving the individual expenditures that fall within that budget to some executive group, so we're not under general orders every day, approving all of these things we've talked about before -- my parking fee or somebody's lunch, or whatever.

So, I think we've gotten too detailed here. We need to delegate the authority to the Executive Committee to handle finance, please.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Love?

MR. LOVE: Well, I guess I'm also speaking against.

THE CHAIR: Okay.

MR. LOVE: I'd like to read to you a section we have already passed in the duties of the Treasurer. "The Treasurer shall submit all proposed expenditures of the convention to the Executive Committee for approval. Upon approval, it shall authorize such expenditures, as duly recorded by the

convention."

It seems to me that we have already told the Executive Committee that they are handling the budget. But I think from the Committee on Committees' perspective, we were hoping to let the Executive Committee deal with this and let the committees write the constitution and not have to deal with all these things.

MR. COATES: There's no need for overkill. I withdraw the motion.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIR: Mr. Coates, are you withdrawing?

MR. COATES: Thank you. With the permission of the Chair, I withdraw.

THE CHAIR: You may withdraw. Mr. Coates is withdrawing that.

MS. SIMMONS: I appreciate delegate Coates withdrawing because, you see, I asked him if his church ran that way and he told me no.

(Laughter.)

THE CHAIR: Ms. Freeman, you had your hand up?

MS. FREEMAN: Yes. I call for the previous question.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Freeman has called for the previous question. All those in favor, let it be known by the sign of

aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Now, we're back to item X. Are you ready for the vote? All those in favor of item X, as is, let it be known by the sign of aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Another unanimous vote.

Go on, Ms. Simmons.

MS. SIMMONS: Number XI, "Records." This number has had a change which I would like to read to you. "Each committee shall maintain a journal of its calendar, proceedings and actions taken, and," -- and this is the insertion -- "to the extent to which the convention's budget and resources permit, tape recordings of its meetings, which shall be made continually available to the delegates, news

media, and interested members of the public. The journals shall be filed with the Secretary of the convention at the final adjournment of the convention."

THE CHAIR: Would you read the insertion again?

MS. SIMMONS: On line 2, Roman numeral 11, following the word "taken" and the comma, insert, "and, to the extent to which the convention's budget and resources permit, tape recordings of its meetings," and then we return to the sentence, "which shall be made continually available to the delegates, news media, and interested members of the public. The journals shall be filed with the Secretary of the convention at the final adjournment of the convention."

The insert once more: after the word "taken," "and, to the extent to which the convention's budget and resources permit, tape recordings of its meetings, which shall be made continually available ..."

May I just explain briefly that I think all of you have some very real appreciation for the fact that we ought to have documentation and historical data and records of the work of all of the committees as well as the delegate body assembled in convention.

Knowing what the fiscal constraints are, we're perfectly aware that to have a court reporter in ten committees

is highly infeasible. So, we are suggesting that tape recordings may indeed occur in the committee meetings. The reason we said "resources" and not just "convention budget" is because some of the delegates have access, through their association or affiliation with either work or organizations or circumstances, where they may be able to make available tapes and recorders, or secure them for the body for given periods of time.

So, those resources that any delegate can broker for the benefit of the body and its committees, we thought out to be welcomed and not negated. So, this allows for that.

THE CHAIR: Did everybody get that?

MS. SIMMONS: Do you have the insertion?

With the insertion, I move that Roman numeral 11, "Records," be adopted, with the insertion.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: It has been moved and properly seconded, with the insertion, that Roman numeral 11 be adopted. Is there any discussion?

Michael Marcus' hand is up.

MR. MARCUS: I call for the previous question.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Mr. Marcus, you'll have to withdraw

that and let --

MR. MARCUS: Certainly.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Moore?

MR. T. MOORE: I'm concerned on this XI as to anything is going to make reference to the public library and the historian. I happened to make a visit down there today at the library and I asked them if they had gotten any data at all on the convention, and they said they were waiting until we completed all of this and started the actual writing of the constitution.

In 207, I was just browsing through there just to see if they had started anything pertaining to our convention. So, I would like to amend this to include the historian in relation to the library records.

THE CHAIR: Can I get some information in there? We have a file that has started, and Ms. Agunge, who is in charge of that -- we have been taking things there. Now, once it has gotten into the proper order for the Washingtonian Room, that's where it will be housed. But they have started it already.

MR. T. MOORE: I'd like to add to this section the records of the historian; the historian will be tied into this section. We were talking about maintaining the journal

and I was wondering about the other --

MS. SIMMONS: This is only for the committees. We're not talking about the total convention; we're talking here only about the journals kept by the committees and the records kept by the committees, so that we can be assured that the committees who have those materials and are responsible for the recordation of those acts -- the responsibility is firmly fixed that they must submit that to the Secretary.

So, the historian's role is one that follows the receipt of it from the committee. So, your point is understood, but here is not the place for that.

MS. HARRIS: Point of information.

MS. SIMMONS: Yes?

MS. HARRIS: I heard Ms. Huff say that a file was being developed down in somebody's office at the library. There is a danger in getting information too early to be assembled -- early interpretations of material before they are assembled in the right perspective.

I'm just wondering how much information and what kind of information is being assembled now at the library. I just heard you mention that and I didn't know what --

THE CHAIR: I think we've discussed this before. You know, at this point there is nothing -- when you start

doing research on self-determination, no matter what form, you have to run all over the place. There is no central location of any of the movements.

Going back to even the initiative, we collected data for that to put in the file.

MS. HARRIS: I wasn't meaning that.

THE CHAIR: I'm saying that we started that in an effort to have information -- where it occurred, when it occurred, et cetera -- in terms of the training workshops. In terms of this, that is not a part of that yet. But the mere fact that it took place and when it took place will be a part of that record.

MS. HARRIS: In connection with this section on records, then, will the minutes and the material from the training workshops be part of this?

THE CHAIR: What the agenda was and that kind of information will be.

MS. HARRIS: The material for all that?

THE CHAIR: Right; that's the kind of information that will be there. Then you will have a source for finding out what happened when, where, who participated, and that kind of thing.

MS. GRAHAM: Madam Chairman?

THE CHAIR: Ms. Graham.

MS. GRAHAM: I hope that as we get minutes -- say, five or six years from now, I've got to go to the library and see our minutes, and I've got to tell students, "You can go to the library and see the minutes," and perhaps see some of this that we've discussed and see all these committees we started out with, and later we narrowed it down to a few. I would like for them to see the whole thing.

THE CHAIR: Well, when we get to that point, we'll do that.

Ms. Mason?

MS. H. MASON: I think that the material which is in the library started with the initiative itself and the pre-planning period, and so forth. I think we have to keep in mind that we are now elected officials and it is public information, and there's no way to keep the public from knowing what happens here.

THE CHAIR: In fact, the actual record should be housed in there from the proceedings -- you know, the court reporter's text.

MS. CORN: Point of information.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Corn.

MS. CORN: I should like to know, at the end of

the time period that we have gone through all of the rules and made all of the amendments to them that we so desire, will we get a reprinting of these rules that are corrected?

MS. SIMMONS: Sure.

THE CHAIR: Yes, so you will know what you have adopted.

MR. KAMENY: It will have to go to the committee on style and editing.

MS. SIMMONS: I earlier said that that will be their first job.

MS. CORN: But each delegate shall be given it?

MS. SIMMONS: That's how you'll know what you acted on.

THE CHAIR: With all of the amendments, all of the corrections, and the style which this body has approved.

Now, number XI, "Records," is before you.

MR. MARCUS: I move the previous question.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: The previous question has been called.

All those in favor, let it be known by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Now, all those in favor of number XI, with the insertion, let it be known by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Motion carried.

Ms. Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Madam Chairman, to the delegates, I certainly want to thank the committee members for the work of this committee. I would like to present, however, at this time a minority report, and I believe that both delegate Freeman and delegate Love wish to speak to this.

THE CHAIR: Does everybody have a copy of the minority report?

MS. SIMMONS: It's attached.

THE CHAIR: It's in the back of the Committee on Committees' report that is before you.

MS. SIMMONS: That is attached.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Freeman?

MS. SIMMONS: After the minority presenters have shared this, I will share the majority position on this matter.

MS. FREEMAN: It's my belief that everybody in the convention shares the belief that it's very important to reach the public with every process that's going on in this convention, and I don't think there's any disagreement in the committee on that question, really. The disagreement was on how to go about keeping the public informed.

I think there are a lot of different ways it can be dealt with, which we discussed at length in the committee. One of the ways of getting information out to the public is having somebody on the staff to do that. The problem that delegate Love and I saw in that is that we may not have the budget to hire somebody to do that job, at least full-time.

In addition to that, we would want to have elected delegates be part of the process of getting information out to the public, and not have it be with an outside staff person. Now, that can be gotten around by the fact that the Executive Committee can, of course, and will direct the staff so that the staff person, if we get a staff person, will be directed by the Executive Committee.

But then, again, delegate Love and I saw a problem

with that, which is that the Executive Committee is going to be, I think, so overwhelmed with work that it might, in fact, be very useful to have an additional committee handle the work of public information.

Now, I am willing to table this whole discussion and let the Executive Committee make its decision. I don't know whether delegate Love agrees with that or not; let the Executive Committee decide whether it can handle the job of public information, but I think it's problematic.

A third alternative is having the Statehood Commission manage the job of public information. I think the problem with that is, the way the legislation is, it's not at all clear that we're going to have any delegates on the Statehood Commission. And, again, I think it's important that delegates be at least partially responsible for public information and direct the information that goes out.

A fourth alternative which was discussed by the committee is that individual delegates will take the responsibility for reaching our constituencies, and I think that's certainly important and we all agree that we're going to do our very best to reach our constituencies and remain accountable.

However, we thought that it was important that there

be some kind of organized, consistent information going out to the public in an organized manner that will be on top of what individual delegates will be doing.

So, that really came down to establishing a public information committee. I might add that most state conventions recently have established public information committees, and those which failed to establish them initially found later that they needed them, which we can always do; we can establish it later if we need it.

Finally, there is an issue which is not covered currently under our committee structure, and that is the issue of the public address, which is the process by which we get the constitution presented to the public. That, we included in this committee -- the public information committee.

If we don't adopt this committee, we will certainly have to, in the future, deal with establishing a mechanism for public address.

MR. LOVE: Our proposal is that this committee would be one of what is called the operating committees; we now have two -- rules, and a styling and drafting committee. This would be a third committee. Again, it would be a voluntary committee. The chair would be appointed by the president of the convention. So, it would be one more of

those two committees.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Love, please talk into the mic for the purposes of the recorder.

MR. LOVE: The only thing I would suggest is, for example, we all know Maryland had a convention in 1967. Reading from the book that was put out by the Municipal League, they say, "The handling of public relations and public information was not a strong point." Later, they would charge that the poor handling of public relations was an important contributory factor in the defeat.

In the end, it is our feeling that passage within the District of the constitution is a very important issue, and the kind of publicity that goes out and how it's handled will contribute greatly to whether it's passed or not. And we felt that this was important and that delegates be involved.

I think it was also our feeling that this committee would be a small committee of maybe three or four people, and we know there are some delegates who have public relations experience and it was our hope that those would be the delegates who would be involved with this committee.

This was a very minority report. There are nine members on our committee; only two of us believed strongly in this. The other seven didn't think we needed it, so I will

just tell you that our minority was two.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Harris?

MS. SIMMONS: I think I'm supposed to speak next, right, to give the majority point of view?

THE CHAIR: I guess she wanted to ask a question.

MS. SIMMONS: Well, I just thought that since you heard the minority point of view, you ought to hear the majority point of view before you started raising questions.

MS. HARRIS: I would say, in the words of delegate Moore last night, that is a very creative idea. But I think the statement that was indicated by delegate Freeman was that it could be done one of two ways, and I thought both ways were good; through the Executive Committee was one, and I think the Statehood Commission was the other, and I think they both are very good ideas.

THE CHAIR: Let's hear from the majority.

MS. SIMMONS: I only wanted to say that delegate Freeman made it very clear. It isn't that the majority of the people on this committee did not have deep understanding and respectful consideration for the need for public address and public information.

We thought that now was not the time and that this was not the body, and it can and should be later. We would

prefer that an assessment of skills and talents be made before we start out and end up putting people on the committee because they're good fellows rather than talented people.

We think this is terribly sensitive and we think it merits careful consideration, and we would hope the Executive Committee would be one of the ways, and the Commission would have some additional input to the structure of that committee.

We are not at all opposed to this minority report, in substance. We are opposed to its timing.

To the other members of the committee, have I expressed accurately what that sentiment was?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Nahikian, and then Moore.

MS. NAHIKIAN: I just wanted to throw out a point of information for the delegates' consideration. I don't feel strongly about how such a committee is created, and I think the recommendation to make it an operating committee that would be appointed by the Executive Committee and the chair appointed by the president is probably the most expeditious way to move at this point.

But I just want to share that, as one of the people that worked on resources and public information, because that was a pre-conference committee, the number of requests that

I have gotten have been not so much in terms of resources, but in terms of folks in the community who want to know, "When are you all going to start talking about what's really going on? The only thing we hear is what we read in the Washington Post."

The convention itself has a responsibility to begin putting out its information about what, in fact, the process is, et cetera. I just wanted to throw that out.

There's one other point I want to make. As we begin to move into substantive issues in the convention, one of the things that many of us have talked about is how do we disseminate that to community groups -- advisory neighborhood commissions, churches, established civic organizations -- who want to know what is going on. I think that is all a function of how we do this public information. It's an important point that I think we can't afford to overlook.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Mason, Mr. Robinson.

MS. H. MASON: Madam Chairman, Hilda Mason, at-large.

I appreciate the concerns that people are expressing. In fact, on the budget committee I spoke about how we could get something into the budget to help do this. But I have a question to ask, and that is we have approved the responsibilities of the president and it says in section 6,

"shall act as official spokesperson for the convention." Does that include those responsibilities in regard to public information, and does he or she coordinate that? I don't know what it means, Madam Chairperson.

THE CHAIR: It means that he or she is the spokesperson.

MR. ROBINSON: Madam Chair?

THE CHAIR: Are you going to respond to her question?

MR. ROBINSON: I want to tie into some things that she was saying.

THE CHAIR: I think it is clear that that is not included -- being the public information person. The president can only do so much. That's a tremendous job, and when we finish this, we'll share a little more information.

Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Samuel Robinson, Ward 5.

It bothers me that we are talking in terms of setting up this committee and not having it under the umbrella of all other committees; that is, it should be a committee with persons with expertise in public relations, and we do have such people as delegates here.

It should be an operating committee, and the committee should work under the direction of the president.

I have never heard of a convention not having a public relations office or department that goes about spreading the news of what it's doing and informing the people in some kind of positive manner.

It would seem to me also that we would take steps to include this committee in our by-laws and our rules, because it is very, very important, and it should not just be three people. It should have four to five persons on it, and I'm sure that there are people in here with that kind of expertise. I'm definitely in favor of it.

MS. SHELTON: Point of information, Madam Chair.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Shelton?

MS. SHELTON: Madam Chair, I would like to know where we are in the process?

THE CHAIR: We are responding to the minority report that has been put before us.

MS. SHELTON: What action will be required of us? Is this submitted in the form of a motion or just general discussion?

THE CHAIR: There is no motion on the floor. The minority report was read and explained by delegate Freeman and delegate Love, which generated the discussion that is taking place.

MS. SHELTON: What action would be required to cut off this discussion?

THE CHAIR: You can put a motion on the floor to cut off discussion.

MS. SHELTON: I so move, Madam Chair.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MR. B. MOORE: Madam Chairman, she raised a point of order. We had other hands up in order that you recorded. She's not in a position to make a motion yet.

THE CHAIR: She asked a question about where we are, and then when I explained it to her, she asked another question about what it takes in order for us to move on.

MR. B. MOORE: Right.

THE CHAIR: And I said a motion to cut off the discussion, because this is a discussion, which is in order.

MS. HARRIS: Madam Chairman, before the minority report had been given, I moved the previous question before the minority report was discussed. So, is that still on the floor?

THE CHAIR: We adopted Ms. Simmons' last part, and the minority report was presented to the body, which is only fair and democratic.

MS. HARRIS: I understand that.

THE CHAIR: If you want to cut off this discussion of the minority report -- she has made a motion and it has been properly seconded.

MS. FREEMAN: I'd just like to clarify one question.

THE CHAIR: Just a minute, please.

(Pause.)

THE CHAIR: Ms. Shelton, will you hold your motion until I hear Ms. Freeman, because I had recognized her and you interrupted?

MS. SHELTON: Yes.

MS. FREEMAN: I just wanted to respond to delegate Robinson and delegate Mason that it's my belief that this committee will work very closely with the president of the convention, precisely because the president of the convention will be the spokesperson for the convention and the job is so important and crucial. It says right here that it's an operating committee, so that's not in question.

MR. MARCUS: I move the previous question.

THE CHAIR: Wait just a minute. Mr. Moore had his hand up. After Mr. Moore, Ms. Shelton, will you take the floor?

MS. SHELTON: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: I was going to basically address the body with the same questions that Ms. Shelton had, but if the response was that there was no motion on the floor, I was going to make a motion because I share the concern of delegate Robinson and others that it is essential that the community at large be informed of our operations from the very beginning.

It's stated in several books, especially in the book on the failure of the Maryland convention, that they failed to inform the community as they proceeded along, and so the community could not think along with them about the pros and cons of the constitution.

What happened was that toward the middle of the convention, they began to put out press releases, but it takes a while for the community to catch up with the convention, and the net result was failure.

Therefore, I move that this body establish an operating committee entitled "Committee on Public Information and Submissions."

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Would that be number XII?

MS. SIMMONS: No, it would be XIII, an operating committee.

THE CHAIR: Number XIII.

Now, you heard the motion, and it was duly seconded by whom?

MR. THOMAS: Delegate Thomas, Ward 5.

THE CHAIR: Harry Thomas from Ward 5.

MS. HARRIS: Repeat the motion, please.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Moore has moved that we establish an operating committee which will be titled --

MR. B. MOORE: "Public Information and Submissions."

THE CHAIR: "And Submissions?" Is that what you said?

MR. B. MOORE: Yes, ma'am.

THE CHAIR: Did you hear his motion?

Mr. Long had his hand up; Mr. Long, Ms. Harris, Ms. Corn.

MR. LONG: I wish to amend the motion so that the mission of this committee is clear and it's the substance of the minority report. So far, what we've got moved is the title; it has no duties. Those duties should be this one paragraph set forth in the minority report.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MR. C. MASON: What is the one paragraph?

MR. LONG: It's in the back of the report.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Long, for brevity, can we approve

or disapprove his motion to establish that committee, and then the next thing its responsibilities, if it passes?

MR. LONG: If the mover will accept my amendment as a friendly amendment, we can take care of the whole thing at once.

MR. KAMENY: In one package.

THE CHAIR: Do you accept it?

MR. B. MOORE: Yes.

THE CHAIR: With the paragraph as submitted by the minority report -- that's the motion.

Ms. Harris is next. You had your hand up. Ms. Corn is next, Ms. Shelton, and Mr. Cassell.

MS. HARRIS: I had an amendment, but I've got a question, too. My question is, how would this committee interact with the Executive Committee and the president, number one?

Number two, did delegates Freeman and Love discuss any other names for the committee? Was the "Committee on Public Relations" or "Public Affairs" discussed? I'm just curious.

MS. FREEMAN: I don't recall considering any names. It's certainly open for discussion.

MS. HARRIS: But how would this committee interact

with the Executive Committee and the president?

MS. FREEMAN: It would interact in the way that any other operating committee functions right now. I wasn't here during that portion. Is it the third vice president who will be the liaison to the operating committees? Is that correct?

MR. SCHRAG: The first or second vice president.

MS. HARRIS: Okay. I had another question on that. My mind tells me that a committee on public affairs or public information not only prepares reports of actions of the convention, but also prepares a newsletter of the convention, and prepares periodic reports, press releases and any specific news items. Now, I don't see that here.

I guess I'm asking, do we have to have another committee? A function of ours is the newsletter. So, what committee would that come under, number one?

MS. FREEMAN: I think it would come under this committee. Like any other committee that we've approved in this convention, the precise duties and details of those duties are not spelled out, but there are parameters of a description listed here.

MS. HARRIS: Okay. Now, I guess my suggestion to the delegates is that we know we need the idea because we cannot function without the idea. I'm not so sure it is clear

— here what this committee ought to be doing because there is so much they're going to be doing.

I'd like to see the idea tabled to be brought back up, because we definitely need it, but find out what its duties are because it has more duties than I read here, and duties that should proceed immediately.

MR. GARNER: Is that a motion?

MS. HARRIS: Can I make an amendment?

MR. KAMENY: A motion to table.

MS. HARRIS: I make a move that we table this idea, but to be reconsidered very, very soon.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: A motion is table is on the floor that we table this.

MR. KAMENY: A motion to table is --

THE CHAIR: Listen, I know what it means; just let me finish stating what is happening.

The motion is that we table this particular motion, as made by Mr. Moore, to a time very, very soon.

MS. HARRIS: Very, very soon.

THE CHAIR: That's right. Now, "very, very soon" could be five days later.

MR. B. MOORE: I have a point of inquiry.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Jordan, and then Freeman. It's not debatable, okay?

MR. JORDAN: I just want to offer an amendment to the motion, and I would amend the motion to --

THE CHAIR: No; it's to lay on the table. You can't amend.

All those in favor of the motion to lay this item on the table until very, very soon, let it be known by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(There were two "nays.")

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Mr. Jordan, you have the floor -- I mean Ms. Freeman, and then Mr. Jordan.

MS. CORN: What happened to me? I was on the list.

THE CHAIR: I'm sorry; Ms. Corn, and then Ms. Freeman. The motion is tabled until very, very soon.

MS. CORN: Can I discuss this whole proposal at this point?

THE CHAIR: We have just tabled that item until very, very soon. Now, is this very, very soon?

MS. CORN: Point of order. You tabled a vote on this until later, but I don't see that a discussion would necessarily be out of order.

MR. KAMENY: Point of order. There can be no debate without a motion on the floor, and there is no motion on the floor.

THE CHAIR: There is no debate, but Ms. Corn has the right to ask questions, Mr. Kameny.

MR. KAMENY: Questions, yes, but not a discussion.

THE CHAIR: She was asking questions.

MS. CORN: No. I was going to discuss.

THE CHAIR: Yes, but you did ask a question, right?

MS. CORN: I wanted to discuss this.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Shelton?

MS. SHELTON: Point of information. Have we completed the report of the Committee on Committees?

THE CHAIR: Wait just a minute. We did complete the report after we took care of laying that last item on the table. We took care of the Committee on Committees' report.

MS. SHELTON: Madam Chair, in the spirit of communication of the work of this committee, I would like to go on record as indicating that I did not consider the report that appeared in the Washington Post today as an accurate

report of the work of this convention, and that efforts be made to in some way meet with the Washington Post so that we may have a full and accurate reporting of the activities of this convention so that the community is well-informed and accurately informed of the work of this convention.

I would like to go on record as indicating that I do not feel it was an accurate account. Number one, it took the proposals from the Chair completely out of context and conveyed an idea that was not, as I recall, a representation of the work of that particular meeting at that particular time.

I think that in the spirit of trying to make the voters aware of what we're doing, we would be well-advised to try to get this ironed out post haste with the Washington Post.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIR: Mr. Garner?

MR. GARNER: I move we recess for ten minutes.

THE CHAIR: Just a minute.

MR. GARNER: I withdraw.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Garner has withdrawn his recess motion.

MS. HARRIS: Madam Chair?

THE CHAIR: Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: There was a point of order on the floor to adopt the entire report of the committee before the minority report was presented, and it was seconded by delegate Kameny. I think it's in order to carry that through, I believe.

MS. SIMMONS: The motion was to adopt the total report of the Committee on Committees, Section 2, as amended. That was the motion, and it was seconded.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Are you ready for the vote? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

MR. COOPER: Is that unanimous, Madam Chair?

THE CHAIR: Yes. Nobody said anything, so it was unanimous. He wants me to announce it each time. The vote was unanimous that the report be adopted, with its amendments.

MR. KAMENY: Madam Chair, I rise to a point of personal privilege, if I may.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Kameny.

MR. KAMENY: Thank you.

I was one of the members of the Committee on Committees. I have served on a great many committees in other bodies during many years, and I wanted to say that my experience on this committee was particularly memorable in every possible desirable sense.

We had a diverse group of people, most of whom did not know each other particularly well. I knew of a few of the people; I hadn't worked with them and I was a little concerned about whether we would work together. We got together and we worked hard and long, with energy and vigor.

We're a group of people with minds of our own; we're all our own persons; we had our own views. But what characterized the committee was a particularly notable spirit of high, good humor. We worked through things in a magnificent spirit, got a huge amount of work done, and worked through our differences.

Our chairperson attended and helped us and got our facilities. Our secretary functioned beautifully, and we came out with a piece of work of which I think we're all proud. I'm only sorry that the whole convention wasn't there to view what we were doing.

If the convention can do half as well as we did for the rest of the convention, we will come out with a magnificent

constitution.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Dr. Kameny.

MR. KAMENY: I want to thank my colleagues on the committee for an experience which I will remember.

THE CHAIR: May I have your attention a minute, please?

Now, delegate Shelton brought up something that you really need to think about in terms of what is being done, and it goes back to the minority report, et cetera. But there is one thing I do want to say.

When we planned the pre-convention training sessions, they were planned without the press; that was the reason for it. I want you to know that. I know some people had said we should have video and we should have all of that. We planned it like that, and I'm glad that we did.

At no point did we invite the press at that time, because we didn't feel that that was the time for the press. Now, you are adopting rules, et cetera, and getting ready to go into the convention. You most certainly deal with the public knowing what you are doing, and I would hope that you consider a lot of the resources that we have approached already that have agreed to help in this regard.

It sounds like the convention delegates are going to be able to do the moon, the sky and the stars, but just don't forget that there are resources available that are willing to help with that task. We had discussed it earlier, and whatever committee is established to deal with that, we would like to pass those on to them so that they can deal with them to help you do your job in terms of getting the information out.

Now, Mr. Bruning is about to break his arm back there.

MR. BRUNING: Madam Chairman, I move we adjourn.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: No, it's not time to adjourn. We said this meeting would last until 10:00 and we've got some more items that we need to address. You had better finish these rules. I mean, what you came here for was to work. You all don't want to work. You've got a whole half an hour; you could pass the next three items in that chapter.

Ms. Harris?

MS. HARRIS: Madam Chair, at each meeting we have delegates that come in after we have made certain announcements. Some delegates indicated this evening that they were not sure where the next meeting was.

At the end of each meeting, it might be in order if the Secretary would read when the next meeting will occur and at what time.

THE CHAIR: Okay, thank you. That's good information; we'll do that.

Ms. Holmes, would you move to Chapter 3?

MS. HOLMES: On the rules, in Chapter 3, page 6, rule 3.1, I make a motion that we adopt rule 3.1, with the corrections or amendments to be made.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Chapter 3, rule 3.1, is before us. Are there any amendments?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Any discussion? Ms. Mason has a question.

MS. H. MASON: Some of this overlaps what we just approved.

THE CHAIR: Yes, it is. It is understood that where there is overlapping, the style and draft committee will take care of that.

Now, are there any other questions? Mr. Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: Style and Drafting won't be in existence until after we adopt these rules.

THE CHAIR: That's right.

MR. JORDAN: We're going to need something to govern us. Are you saying that if there's a conflict that arises, we're going to have to wait for Style and Drafting?

THE CHAIR: Not a conflict, but where there's overlapping. Overlapping doesn't mean there's a conflict; it means there's a repetition of the same thing in two different items.

MR. JORDAN: Okay.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Cooper?

MR. COOPER: I'm kind of unclear on that.

THE CHAIR: Overlapping is overlapping; it means there's the same thing two times and you don't have to have it. You put it in the proper place.

MR. COOPER: Right, but a rule that governs the procedure for drafting a constitution might be repugnant to some of the language of the duties of the Style and Drafting Committee. So, there might be some determination that needs to be made as to which would apply, the rule or the duties of the Style and Drafting Committee. So, that might be where the questions arise.

THE CHAIR: Well, normally what you do when there is overlapping -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- you would refer

to article so-and-so in the draft, as opposed to repeating it over and over again. That's what you normally do, and you do have some people with some skills on this committee that are well-versed with how to put it together without bothering with the intent of the rules.

We're only talking about overlapping; we're not talking about changing the procedures or the rules at all.

Mr. Love?

MR. LOVE: I'd like to move the adoption of rule 3.1.

THE CHAIR: It has been called already for adoption.

MS. CORN: Can I call the question?

THE CHAIR: The question has been called. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Now, for the adoption of rule 3.1 that is before us --

MS. HOLMES: Madam Chairman, I make a motion that --

THE CHAIR: It's on the floor; your motion is on

the floor for approval already.

Are you ready for the vote? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Motion carries.

Rule 3.2, Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: Madam Chairman, I make a motion that we adopt rule 3.2, with the corrections and amendments that are in it.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Okay. It has been moved and properly seconded that we adopt rule 3.2, which is before us. I recognize Ms. Eichhorn, Mr. Love, and Ms. Corn.

MS. EICHHORN: I'd like to suggest that we amend the language saying that nothing in this section shall override the Committee on Committees' report that we've adopted.

(Pause.)

THE CHAIR: Ms. Eichhorn?

MS. EICHHORN: I pass.

THE CHAIR: You're satisfied.

Mr. Love, and then Ms. Corn.

MR. LOVE: I'd like to move an amendment in here which would probably come somewhere around "any minority views shall be circulated." I think delegates should have the chance to look at these proposals, especially the first time the proposals come out.

So, my amendment would be, "All delegates must be sent copies of the complete proposals, using convention mail, at least three calendar days before the first reading and at least one calendar day before subsequent readings."

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MR. LOVE: In that case, if a committee had a proposal, especially if it had been put on the floor for the first time for discussion, delegates would have at least three days to look at that proposal and think about it a little bit. Then, later, at the second and third readings, they'd have at least one day to think about it.

THE CHAIR: Now, your amendment is that the delegates have copies at least three days before the first reading?

MR. LOVE: And one day before the --

THE CHAIR: And one day before the second reading?

MR. LOVE: The second and third readings.

THE CHAIR: The second and third readings. Now, you wanted it inserted where, at the bottom? He wants you to write out the language.

MR. LOVE: I think the Style and Drafting Committee has to put this together, but right after, "Committee proposal report minority views shall be circulated to all delegates," and all I'm saying is to circulate it three days before the first reading and one day before the second and third readings, so delegates have a chance to read it and think a little bit about it.

THE CHAIR: But it's in there.

MR. LOVE: The time frame is not in there.

THE CHAIR: Oh, I see.

MS. CORN: Madam Chair, it has been moved and seconded.

THE CHAIR: I know it has, Ms. Corn, but we're trying to get the clarification of what his amendment really so we can have the language correct. Since he didn't write it out, we have to ask him what it is specifically that he means.

Now, does everybody have his amendment?

MR. COATES: No.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Love, you will have to repeat it again.

MR. LOVE: I'm afraid I gave my copy to the Secretary.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Can you repeat it?

MR. COOPER: This is from the copy that was submitted. "Delegates must be sent copies of the complete proposal, using convention mail, at least three calendar days before the first reading and one calendar day before subsequent readings."

THE CHAIR: No; before the second and third.

MR. COOPER: All right, before the second and third readings.

THE CHAIR: "Before the second and third readings" was your language. Put that down there.

MR. COOPER: Okay. In the future, please submit the same language. If you're going to submit it in writing, submit what you said.

MS. CORN: Would the Secretary please stand so that we can all hear you?

MR. COOPER: "Delegates must be sent copies of the complete proposal, using convention mail, at least three calendar days before the first reading and one calendar day before the second or third readings."

THE CHAIR: "Second and third."

MR. COOPER: "Second and third readings."

MS. HARRIS: Where do we put that?

THE CHAIR: Wait just a minute.

Do you have that?

MR. COOPER: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Now, they want to know just where to put the insertion.

MR. LOVE: After the sentence that says, "Committee proposal report of minority views shall be circulated to all delegates." What this does is says it just has to be circulated three days before the first reading and one day before the second and third reading.

THE CHAIR: You mean after the first reading? "The committee proposals shall then be considered by the convention."

MR. COOPER: Right after the second sentence.

MR. LOVE: Before that.

THE CHAIR: Before that, okay.

MR. LOVE: Right before that.

THE CHAIR: Right before that sentence.

MR. ROBINSON: Point of order.

THE CHAIR: Wait just a minute; we're trying to get his language.

MR. ROBINSON: Well, it's his responsibility to get his language together.

THE CHAIR: Well, that's why he's telling us, so that we can get it straight for the record.

MR. COOPER: The language is to be inserted immediately following the second sentence in 3.2.

THE CHAIR: Third sentence, third sentence.

MR. COOPER: Okay, third sentence.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Now, Ms. Corn was next.

MR. SCHRAG: Point of information.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Schrag, point of information?

MR. SCHRAG: My question is, the mover said the word "proposal." Does he mean proposal and other supporting documents?

MR. LOVE: When I say "proposal," it means the precise explanation, the minority reports; it means everything.

MR. SCHRAG: The whole package.

MR. LOVE: The whole package.

MS. CORN: It includes minority reports?

MR. LOVE: It includes everything -- the legislative history. There is a package the committee is going to give to the convention.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: Perhaps the mover would add "and other relative documents" to his language to cover that point.

MR. LOVE: Yes, "and supportive documents."

THE CHAIR: "And other relevant documents?"

MR. LOVE: "Relevant documents."

THE CHAIR: "Other relevant documents."

Now, Ms. Corn, you have the floor.

MS. CORN: Would you accept, also, a friendly amendment that in that language you include "and all minority views?" I would like that to be in there for clarification.

MR. LOVE: No. I think that's clear enough.

MS. CORN: Can I ask you this? If I were to call the question now and we had a vote on this, then could I make further amendments on this?

MR. KAMENY: The report has not been moved.

THE CHAIR: Dr. Kameny, you're out of order.

Now, Ms. Corn has a question, and your question is?

MS. CORN: I'd like to call the question on this motion. However, afterwards, I'd like to make a motion to amend section 3.2.

THE CHAIR: You'd like to be recognized, okay.

Mr. Love's amendment is before us. Mr. Robinson's hand is next.

MR. ROBINSON: I want to speak against it. Has it already been seconded?

THE CHAIR: Yes.

MR. ROBINSON: Okay.

MS. CORN: But I just called the question.

THE CHAIR: No; you weren't recognized to call the question. You asked a question and I answered it.

MR. ROBINSON: Samuel Robinson, Ward 5; Samuel Robinson, also a member of the pre-convention rules committee.

I'm very concerned with the amount of verbiage that we are adding to 3.2. That clearly takes into consideration the views and the concerns of the minority reports and proposals. I fail to understand how this language can be misconstrued when it says, "A committee proposal report and minority views shall be circulated to all delegates." There is nothing here to exclude the viewpoints or the will of the minority from being heard.

A time period does nothing but weight this particular section. The minority viewpoints will be given due consideration; there is flexibility in there. Delegate Schrag, the chairperson here, delegate Holmes, and other delegates here who were on that committee debated this and considered this, and it's all here. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Cooper?

MR. COOPER: I'd like to just speak briefly in support of what Mr. Robinson said in stating that the example of the action that was taken on the minority report of the Committee on Committees is a very good example of what I think would transpire on all reports coming out of this convention.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Bruning, Ms. Eichhorn, and Barbara Maguire.

MR. BRUNING: As the wording now stands, are there any other provisions that would give us what our time frame is concerning how long delegates would have a proposal before them before they had to vote on it, from other documents or from other reports?

Is there anything that gives a time as to how long we have something in front of us before we vote on it? Can anybody on Rules respond to that?

THE CHAIR: Ms. Holmes?

MS. HOLMES: You can talk to Mr. Schrag and then I'll tell you my version of it.

MR. SCHRAG: The only thing in the rules on that subject is in connection with amendments to the rules. Proposal 7.1 provides that such amendments have to be provided to the delegates at least two calendar days before being

considered -- the last sentence of rule 7.1. I think that Mr. Love's proposal would provide an analogous time period for text of the constitution, similar to the provision that the Rules Committee provided for proposed amendments to the rules.

MR. BRUNING: Is there right now no time established?

MR. SCHRAG: That's correct.

MR. BRUNING: So, it would be guesswork right now, unless we set a time period in this, as to how long we'd have before something was called up, whether it was three days or half a day?

MR. SCHRAG: Essentially, there is no time limit provided by the rules as they have been proposed.

MR. BRUNING: Then I guess I'd like to speak in favor of delegate Love's proposal. I have full faith that we will be given complete texts in terms of minority and majority views.

I think, particularly, the way we have designed the material to be called up, particularly on a first vote, it is very important that everybody be very clear in their minds as to what they're voting for, what alternatives, if any, they want to work out, and whether amendments that they have coincide with other people's amendments or are different,

because it's going to become exceedingly hard, after that first vote, to change it; it's two-thirds and then three-quarters.

So, I think the provision of three days to have a full discussion -- that means you can talk to the committee, you can talk to friends, you can talk to anyone to decide whether or not that language is acceptable -- I think that will expedite the deliberations. And then, with that being essentially in place, the one day after that for a second and third vote is, I think, a very minimal requirement.

But I think the three days is important so we don't wind up voting for something that is going to be very difficult to change at subsequent votes, and then people feeling bad about having voted in a precipitous manner. I think three days gives us adequate notice, but does not break it up. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Eichhorn is the next person.

MS. HOLMES: Excuse me, Madam Chairman, but that should be updated in chapter 7 on page 18, rule 7.1, where we have at least two calendar days before our final action should be taken. He should put that into the language of 7.1.

MR. CROFT: Point of order, Madam Chair.

THE CHAIR: Just a minute. I'm going to recognize

you, but you must let people finish because people are trying to get information so that we can get through these, and sometimes you're just interrupting to be interrupting.

Now, back to Ms. Holmes. Ms. Holmes, I'm going to recognize you. Finish your statement, please; I think it's important.

MS. HOLMES: I think this three days, when we have our next meeting, should be an amendment to rule 7.1.

MR. LOVE: That's amending rules; we're talking about the actual content of the constitution.

MR. CROFT: Point of order, Madam Chair.

THE CHAIR: Now, Mr. Croft, you have the floor. What's your point of order?

MR. CROFT: My point of order is that we set time limits that the meeting would run to 10:00. We have expired the time.

THE CHAIR: It's not 10:00 by our time.

Ms. Eichhorn?

MS. EICHHORN: I wanted to respond to delegate Robinson's comments.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Croft?

MR. CROFT: I would like to know from the Secretary what time his watch has.

MR. COOPER: 9:59:08.

MR. CROFT: Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Eichhorn?

MS. EICHORN: I'm very interested in getting the full proposal, not just the minority reports, ahead of time, and I wonder if your concerns would be addressed by removing the period after "circulated to all delegates" and saying "within 72 hours before any vote." That doesn't add a lot of verbiage, but it accomplishes the purpose of setting a time for getting the material out.

THE CHAIR: Are you asking that question of Mr. Love?

MS. EICHORN: Well, Mr. Love is --

THE CHAIR: Mr. Love, do you want to respond to that, since it's your amendment?

MR. LOVE: It sounds identical to my proposal, except in hours.

THE CHAIR: Ms. Maguire?

MS. MAGUIRE: I call the previous question.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: All those in favor of cutting off debate, let it be known by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Okay. Now, we have Mr. Love's amendment. Are you ready for the vote? All those in favor of the amendment as presented by Mr. Love, let it be known by the sign of aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Another unanimous motion.

Now, Ms. Corn has asked for the floor next to make an amendment. Ms. Corn has the floor.

MS. CORN: I have several amendments, but since we have reached the hour of 10:00, as has been pointed out by delegate Croft, I would like to present my amendments first thing at the next session. Otherwise, somebody is going to have to make a motion now to extend for another hour.

THE CHAIR: Did you have an amendment?

MS. CORN: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Make your first amendment, and let's move.

MS. SHELTON: Madam Chairman?

THE CHAIR: Ms. Corn has the floor.

Ms. Corn, come on now.

MS. CORN: Okay. My amendment is in the second sentence of 3.2. I want to amend it to read as follows: "Each committee shall consider all proposals, but in the order in which they see fit."

THE CHAIR: Is there a second to her amendment?

MS. CORN: I'd like to say something about why I'm moving this.

THE CHAIR: Is there a second to her amendment?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Hearing none, that amendment is lost, Ms. Corn.

Ms. Shelton, you were next after Ms. Corn.

MS. SHELTON: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

I did indicate during the previous discussion a concern about the article that appeared, and there has been a desire to meet with the Post to discuss this item. I would like to move, if necessary, or by common consent, that a representative of each ward be designated to meet with the reporter so that we may have an opportunity to discuss the concerns of the delegates with respect to the reporting of

the last article and any others.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: Now, I'm assuming that the wards will elect their representatives among themselves to do that.

MS. SHELTON: If we cannot make the selections tonight, if those delegates those names in to me tomorrow at the office, we can arrange a meeting with the Post.

MR. LOVE: Point of order.

THE CHAIR: Just a minute, please.

MR. BRUNING: Point of information.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Bruning, what's your point of information?

MR. BRUNING: Have we not passed our expiration point?

MS. SHELTON: I have risen to a point of personal privilege and I tried to get recognized before.

THE CHAIR: You will have to put a motion on the floor, since they're being technical, to extend the time for ten minutes or five minutes so that you can deal with it.

MS. SHELTON: I move that the time be extended for five minutes.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

MS. SHELTON: I move, Madam Chair, that we waive the

rules to allow time to consider a pertinent matter before the convention.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: It has been moved and properly seconded that the rules be waived to extend the time five more minutes in order to take up an urgent matter.

Are there any questions?

MS. NAHIKIAN: What is the required number, two-thirds or a simple majority?

THE CHAIR: Two-thirds, Ms. Nahikian.

All those in favor of Ms. Shelton's motion, let it be known by standing. Please be quiet, and stand if you're in favor of extension of the time in order to take care of this matter for five minutes. That's what the motion is.

MR. COOPER: Thirty.

THE CHAIR: Please be seated.

Those opposed?

(One person stood.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No delegates stood.)

THE CHAIR: Ms. Shelton, you have the floor.

MS. SHELTON: I move, Madam Chair, that one delegate from each ward, including the 9th Ward, be selected to meet

with the Washington Post reporter so that we may have an opportunity to express views and review the article, with a view toward having a more enlightened program of information to the public.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: The motion has been duly seconded. Is there any discussion? Mr. Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Can the maker of the motion be more specific about the areas in the article that she's concerned about?

MS. SHELTON: I have a view toward reviewing the article with the reporter so that we may determine whether or not there are any areas or portions of that article that were not an accurate account of the work of the convention.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: Thank you.

I appreciate your concerns, delegate Shelton, with regard to the article. Similarly, the Washington Post has not done the statehood movement in the District of Columbia any justice over the past two or three years.

I think, though, that there is a middle ground here that can be dealt with. The reporter comes to the chamber and sits in the chamber every evening that we're meeting. I would

suggest perhaps that those delegates who find the previous article odious perhaps approach the reporter from the Washington Post more informally and discuss that particular article with him before this body takes an action which begins to smell a bit like press censorship to me.

MS. CORN: Make that a motion.

MR. MARCUS: I'm not going to make a motion. I don't want to get involved in this debate, but I do offer that particular suggestion.

MS. SHELTON: I would like to indicate that the reporter, based on my response, indicated that he was desirous that we have an opportunity, since the accusation was of a strong nature and there was some concurrence by the committee. I did not approach the reporter; I would like to indicate that.

But I do feel that we have a sense of responsibility to follow up any recommendations, and I did not feel that I would like to do it without some assistance from other delegates. Personally, I was willing to do it on my own, but I did not think that was appropriate.

I would never make any attempt to censor any activities on the part of the press. I think that's a right guaranteed to us by the Constitution. However, I do think

that in keeping with the idea that we only have one newspaper here, a sense of responsibility -- and I'm sure that the paper concurs with that -- to make as full and accurate reporting as possible is necessary, and one individual cannot be so immune to the concern here.

I think it's a commendable activity on the part of the reporter to want to follow up on that.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Long?

MR. LONG: I think it's a normal kind of concern to deal with the press. I've had occasion to do so myself in my official capacity. I don't think it's a move to censorship in any sense. We can't censor the press; it's a moot issue.

THE CHAIR: That's a point very well taken.

Hearing no other discussion, are we ready for the vote? Ms. Nahikian?

MS. NAHIKIAN: I just wanted to ask the maker of the motion to address one issue. We had a substantive discussion earlier tonight about the need to try to have the chair of the convention serve as the spokesperson for the convention, and we are scheduled to elect a chair at 8:00 on Thursday night.

At that point, we might think it would be appropriate for the chair to deal with that, however he or she may

— see fit.

THE CHAIR: Well, that's not before us. The motion before us deals with a representative from each ward dealing with the press, because an approach has been made now by the representative from the Post, Mr. Valentine, to do that. That's what's before us.

MS. NAHIKIAN: I'm not making a motion or substitute motion. I was really addressing that to the maker of the motion, as to whether or not that might incorporate her concerns; that's all.

MS. SHELTON: I would like to indicate, surely, I would think that that would be a normal and important part of what the president would do. I do recognize, however, that in the meantime -- as a matter of fact, it may be tonight that another article may be developed.

(Laughter.)

MS. SHELTON: I think the reporter has indicated a desire for this kind of input on the part of the convention, and that is the only sense of urgency. Normally, I would say that that would be a responsibility of the president and the Executive Committee.

MS. NAHIKIAN: Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: I call for the question.

THE CHAIR: The question has been called. All those in favor of cutting off the debate, let it be known by the sign of aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: Are you ready for the vote on the main motion, as made by Ms. Shelton?

MR. KAMENY: Restate the motion, please.

THE CHAIR: No, no, no. I think it has been adequately discussed and she has repeated it twice.

All those in favor of her motion, let it be known by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(There were four "nays.")

THE CHAIR: Abstentions?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: The ayes have it.

I thank you for your time and attention.

MR. COOPER: I move we adjourn.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE CHAIR: There's a motion on the floor to adjourn.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes.")

THE CHAIR: Those opposed?

(No response.)

(Whereupon, at 10:13 p.m., the Convention was adjourned, to reconvene at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 11, 1982.)